Award Descriptions

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) of the Year

This award is presented to a minority owned business certified by the State of North Carolina that has demonstrated sound business strategies while driving economic development in the Charlotte region.

Woman Business Enterprise (WBE) of the Year

This award is presented to a woman-owned business certified by the State of North Carolina that has demonstrated sound business strategies while driving economic development in the Charlotte region.

Small Business Enterprise (SBE) of the Year

This award is presented to a City of Charlotte certified Small Business Enterprise that, among other attributes, has driven economic development in the Charlotte region.

Prime Contractor of the Year

This award is presented to a Prime Contractor that demonstrates exemplary leadership while embracing and engaging in diversity initiatives and efforts.

Diversity Advocate of the Year

This award is presented to an individual or organization who champions diversity and inclusion best practices, ideas and strategies to increase the overall participation of Minority, Women, and Small Business Enterprises (MWSBEs) in the Charlotte region.